



Christ the King / The Reign of Christ

23 November 2025

Setting: Dreistimmige Messe – Robert Führer (1807-1861)

Gathering in God's name

Page 119 (Green "A Prayerbook for Australia")

Introit

Fairest Lord Jesus – Martin How (1931-2022)

Entrance Hymn

145 TIS The king of love my shepherd is

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country – The Dean

Sentence

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9.9

Invitation to Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Matthew 4.17

Collect

Eternal God,
you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and have made us instruments of his kingdom:
by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,
and to minister to all in need,
then at the last bring us to your eternal realm
where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy
and may worship and adore you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 23.1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD . ² Therefore, thus says the LORD , the God of Israel, concerning the

shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD . ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD . ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD , when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalms The Song of Zechariah (The Benedictus)
(Anglican Chant – Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924)

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.*

*The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.*

*Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,*

*To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.*

*This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

*Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.*

*And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,*

*To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.*

*In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,*

*To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Second Reading

Colossians 1.11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 23.33-43

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming

up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³ He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Bishop Murray Harvey

Introduction to the Peace

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

cf Colossians 3.14,15

Offertory Hymn

517 TIS Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving Page 128

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty

a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

The Lord's Prayer Page 141

Communion Anthems King of glory, King of peace
– Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Arr. W Harris
Come, dearest Lord – Philip Moore (1943-)

Notices – The Dean

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing ...

Mission Hymn 245 TIS We have a gospel to proclaim

Organ Postlude Postlude in D – Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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30 Nov	Advent 1 Archdeacon Tiffany	9.00am
3 Dec	Taizé	8.30am
5 Dec	Bereavement Group	2.00pm
7 Dec	Family Service	5.00pm



Christ Church Cathedral Grafton

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



TAIZE SERVICE

Wed 3 Dec 8.30am
Christmas Stillness
Taize Meditative Prayer

ADVENT FAMILY SERVICE

Sun 7 Dec 5.00pm
Godly Play storytelling for
the whole family

NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL

Fri 19 Dec 4pm
Rehearsal for Children & Teenagers to act, read,
sing or dance in the Christmas Eve Service. All
welcome. No RSVP needed - just turn up



CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Children's Christmas Service
11pm Christmas Eve Midnight
Service with Cathedral Choir

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Fri 19 Dec 10am
Anglicare Community Event
sausage sizzle, kids' activities, cake stall,
2nd hand school uniform op shop sale
& Santa visit



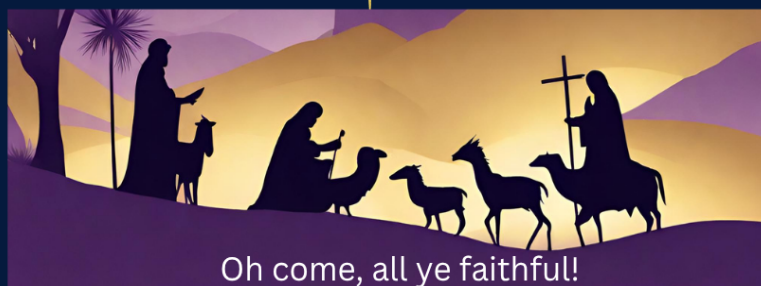
LESSONS & CAROLS

Fri 19 Dec 6.30pm
Nine Lessons & Carols
with the Cathedral Choir.
Join the joy of Christmas! Sing with the
Cathedral Choir for this special service - RSVP
to music@graftoncathedral.org.au



CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Christmas Morning
Eucharist



Oh come, all ye faithful!

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Cathedral Prayer		
Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.		
Prayers for those in need		
Joy Baldwin Sue Cotter Gail Gilmore Amy McArdle	Ruth Kingsley John McAnally Roy Ford Mervyn Kingsley	John McFarlane Francis TeTana Kathryn Lentfer Kevin Vaughan
Aneta Jones Grace Clague Kahla Clague Patrick Fleming		
Remembering those who have died		
Recently Departed: Moya Cooksley, Athol Crispin & Rev'd Doreen Chick		
Year's Mind: Dulcie James, Elaine Stephenson, Diane Cross, Bryson Gilbert, Colleen Martin, Laurence Marchant, Stan Mussared, Muriel Shepherd, Robert Jeanes & Elsie Hale.		

Around the Parish this Week	
Today	Christ the King/The Reign of Christ 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au
Birthdays this week	Joan Morrow & Judy Glasson
Weekdays	Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral &/or via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Mon- Fri Zoom only Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri) Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri) Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat) Wednesday Worship 10.00am Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call Dean Naomi or Deacon Grant.
Next Sunday	First Sunday of Advent 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au
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